

REMARKS

Claims 81-114 are now in the application upon entry of the above amendments. Claims 42-80 have been cancelled. Entry of the above amendments, and the favorable examination in view of the same is respectfully requested.

All of the claims now recite that the core layer utilized in the films and methods of the present invention comprise

(a) a polyolefin having a density in the range of from about 0.89 to about 0.97 grams per cubic centimeter; and

(b) a second polymeric material selected from ionomers derived from sodium, lithium or zinc and an ethylene/unsaturated carboxylic acid copolymer.

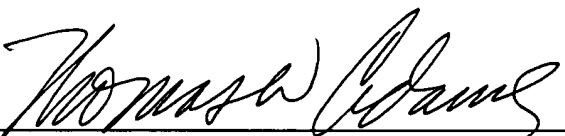
In some of the claims (e.g., claims 83, 93, etc.) the core layer also comprises;

~~(c) a third polymeric material selected from ethylene/vinyl acetate~~ copolymers, acid modified ethylene/acetate copolymers, anhydride modified ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymers, acrylate modified ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymers, anhydride modified polyolefins, acid modified ethylene acrylate polymers and anhydride modified ethylene acrylate polymers. Support for the third polymeric material is found in cancelled claim 49 and in the specification beginning at page 15, line 18 through page 15, line 11. The amount of the third polymeric material included in the core layer may range from about 1% to about 45% (page 15, lines 2-4). In another embodiment, the third polymer material may be present in an amount of from about 20% to about 40% (claim 84 and page 15, lines 4-6). Otherwise, most of the added claims correspond to the above cancelled claims. For example, claims 85-89 correspond to cancelled claims 44-48; claims 90 and 91 correspond to cancelled claims 51 and 52.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deposit account #18-0988 attorney docket number AVERP2168USA.

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